surface missile Prithvi has been successfully test-fired in an operational mode with an enhanced range;

(b) if so, the total number of Prithvi missiles likely to be manufactured at the Bharat Dynamics in partnership with Hindustan Aeronautics, Ordinance Factories etc. to meet the defence requirements; and

(c) whether any budget provision has been made for the purpose, if so, the cost of manufacturing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes Sir, the Prithvi, surface-to-surface missile, has been successfully flight tested in the extended range mode.

(b) and (c) It is not in the public interest to disclose the number of Prithvi missiles likely to be manufactured and the budget provision for this purpose.

Concessional accommodation to Defence Ex-servicemen Personnel

4269. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to consider any proposals to frame a scheme for Defence Ex-Servicemen to provide them housing accommodation facilities on concessional ground on priority basis under reserve quota from HUDA, DDA and other state rural/urban housing boards;

(b) what are the number of states that are currently adopting under this scheme and what are the number of allotments made so far state-wise in the year 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) what is the target of allotment of 1992-93 from each state-wise allotment to the Defence Ex-Servicemen;

(d) whether any financial assistance has been provided to personnel to purchase the housing land/accommodation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Housing is provided by the State and U. T. Governments, DDA, HUDA and other state rural/urban Housing Boards are autonomous/semi-Government bodies functioning under the State/U.T. Governments. Most of the States/Union Territories have made varying percentage of reservations for the allotment of houses and house sites to serving/retired personnel. The state-wise information regarding reservation for allotment of house/house sites to ex-servicemen is given in the attached Statement (*See* below). There is no reservation in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Tripura, Mizoram and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Since the States/UTs look after housing, these Governments formulate and fund their housing schemes.

Statement

Details of Reservation of Houses/House Sites provided by the States/UTs for Ex-servicemen

Sl. No	Name of the State	% of Reservation in the allotment of		
		Houses	House Sites	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	—	
2.	Bihar	10	10	
3.	Goa	—	2	
4.	Gujarat	10	2	Gunthas of land for house sites upto monthly income limit of Rs. 1200/- excluding pension.
5.	Haryana	9	20	
6.	Himachal Pradesh	10	10	
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	2	
8.	Kerala	3	3	
9.	Karnataka	10	10	

10. Madhya Pradesh	2	2	
11. Maharashtra	5	—	
12. Manipur	5	5	
13. Meghalaya	—	10	
14. Orissa	5	—	Priority allotment of house sites
15. Punjab	—	8	
16. Rajasthan	2	10	
17. Sikkim	5	—	
18. Tamil Nadu	7.5	7.5	
19. Uttar Pradesh	3	3	
20. West Bangal	5	5	
21. Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	
22. Assam	—	—	
23. Mizoram	—	—	
24. Nagaland	—	—	
25. Tripura	—	—	
26. Chandigarh	6	—	
27. Delhi	1	—	
28. Pondicherry	3	3	
29. A & N Island	—	—	

Defence purchases from Russia

4270. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Economic Times dated 11th August, 1993 the caption Defence purchases from Russia to be whittled down; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the alternative arrangements that Government propose to make in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The considerable changes taking place in the Russian Federation are being observed closely by Government in the context of continuing bilateral Defence Cooperation arrangements. Government are maintaining continuous contact with the Russian authorities to ensure smooth flow of supplies. Simultaneously, Government are pursuing measures to meet requirements from other sources abroad and through enhancement of indigenous production capabilities.

Induction of German Tank into Army

4271. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to induct German manufactured main battle tanks the various versions of which have been rejected in technical trials;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently the design of the power pack has been sealed virtually closing the possibility of rejecting the MBT as unsuitable; and

(c) if so, what are the considerations for inducting the MBT which is technically unsuitable for the needs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no proposal to induct any German manufactured tank into Army and no trials have been carried out on any version of such tank. However, trials on indigenous main battle tank (MBT) ARJUN have recently been successfully carried out.

(b) and (c) The configuration of MBT ARJUN, including the powerpack has been finalised and the technology transfer is progressing. Army has given acceptance for induction of ARJUN tank on the basis of excellent